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Dear Al:

It was good of you to write. I do know that thinking about such matters is quite a distraction from proper work-- I still have to face my own ultimate decisions and they unfortunately have had to be long drawn out. It adds just one more variable that you would associate your own decision with mine; I can't ignore the converse either. We'll just have to see how it works out.

Meanwhile, I've had some quite optimistic news with regard to the machinery at Wisconsin for such an appointment. Whatever difficulty there is will, as usual, turn on getting the financial commitments needed there, but this should be just a matter of time.

I imagine you will soon receive a rehewed invitation to visit Wisconsin & hope you will find this convenient at an early opportunity. We will not be back until ~~about~~ ~~at~~ mid- or late November & I would ask you not to wait for that. If necessary, we will have further opportunity to talk things over a bit later on: for example, I'll be in N=Y- for a Harvey lecture on Dec. 19 and can make a point of seeing you then, if events have moved in their proper course.

I've already said all I need to on behalf of Wisconsin, and am sure you would be as happy as we have been to be there. If it turns out we do move, it would be much more from motivations of broadening our total experience than from any significant dissatisfactions with the local scene. (There is, in fact, just one exception to that: the summers are of about the same rigor as on L=I= & my own particular metabolism is rather unsuited to them. There are less drastic solutions to that problem than moving, to be sure.)

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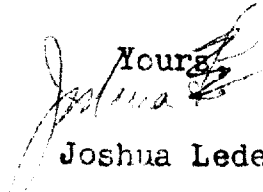
Life 'down under', as you must know, is hardly distinguishable from at home. You'd never know we were standing on our heads. I've been getting quite a lot of background through working here with Burnet, and right now am preoccupied with 'incomplete virus' in flu. I'm trying to knock down the working hypothesis that IV results from the alteration of the host cell surface (viz. by RDE or excess virus or periodical).

with results not inconsistent with the hypothesis. There are still some difficulties to ponder over.

Good luck!

Yours truly,

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